

KINDERGARTEN FOR FORT SHAFTER MUCH HELPED BY BENEFIT DANCE

Administration Building Scene
of Pretty Event Last
Night

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
FORT SHAFTER, Aug. 24. — The Administration building of Fort Shafter was the scene last night of a happy and pretty event, when both the non-commissioned officers and the enlisted men helped dance, the proceeds for a kindergarten for the children of the post, in the care of a committee consisting of Mrs. Ernest Ely, Mrs. Brettfield and Mrs. Bush. These women have worked most valiantly to help Mrs. George P. Bush, the future instructress of the school, both to plan and to carry to a successful conclusion this social event for the benefit of the children. Mrs. Bush deserves much credit both for realizing this great need, which existed, but which could not be remedied by anyone under existing conditions.

Mrs. Bush and her friends labored industriously and patiently with the decorating of the assembly room with flags, palms and royal purple bougainvilleas, and deserve much credit both for the beautiful effect and the taste displayed, which resulted in the admiration of all who were present.

The music for the occasion was furnished most gladly by the members of the 2d Infantry band, and much of

the pleasure of the occasion was the result of their splendid harmonies under the leadership of Assistant Band Leader Novak.

The refreshments were under the care of Mrs. Cohen and Mrs. Rosen, and added much to the festivities of the evening. The rooms of the officers' club were also placed at the disposal of the dancers and the adjutant's office was employed as well as a cloak room.

It was announced at the dance that as a result of the large number present and the certainty of the money now being available for supplies of books and other school necessities the kindergarten would open about September 15, and as the post exchange council has approved the request of Mrs. Bush for the use of the Amusement hall as an available building, every obstacle will now be removed and the younger children of Fort Shafter will be taken care of from an intellectual standpoint.

Everyone has helped with the project to the extent of his or her ability, and while all bought tickets, many were so unfortunate as to be unable to attend.

Mrs. Bush and the committee which so ably assisted her are to be congratulated not only upon the success of the occasion but also for their spirit and willingness displayed in a cause so dear to all, the children of Fort Shafter, and their education.

Bathing-Trunks to Be Defended; Poem To Be 'The Prudes'

P. Maurice McMahon Gains
Inspiration When "Bawled
Out" on Beach

P. Maurice McMahon, poet, Irish dancer, raconteur and traveler, announces the early publication of a poem entitled "The Prudes."

Inspiration for this poem, which is going to flay prudery in as bitter terms as the McMahon pen can compass, was gained yesterday afternoon at Waikiki when the poet who was taking a swim for himself in a pair of bathing trunks, was accosted by one woman, two men and a couple of children, all of whom proceeded, he said today, to "bawl him out" for not wearing enough raiment.

McMahon, who is neither giant nor heavyweight, says that the men were about twice his size and one of them waved a large fist under his nose, declaring "I am the law!" McMahon struck an attitude of calm defiance, arms folded, registered moral courage and faced the two fearlessly.

"Why should I wear more clothes," he asked.

"Because," said the larger of the two, "you haven't enough on."

"That is as you look at it," the poet answered. "Perhaps the evil is in your minds. You should rid yourself of such thoughts. Now, we were all born with even less clothing than I am wearing at present and—"

But they shouted even louder, he reports, and then went away.

McMahon paddled in his canoe from his place on the beach down to a spot not far from the Hau-Tree. His trunks, he admits, do not cover a large expanse of his person, but they are adequate, he maintains, and adds that attention might be turned elsewhere on the matter of scanty suits.

"I am going to write a poem on 'The Prudes' and explain my point of view," he said. Whether he will appropriately clothe his thoughts in verse libe he did not reveal.

PEEPEKEO SUGAR CO. WILL PAY 7 PER CENT DIVIDEND SEPT. 15

Extra dividend of 5 per cent and the regular dividend of 2 per cent will be paid September 15 by Pepeekeo Sugar Company. The announcement of the declaration by the directors was made at the morning session of the stock exchange.

Pepeekeo has a capital stock of \$750,000, divided into 7500 shares. The regular monthly dividend amounts to \$15,000 and the extra dividend to \$37,500, so that the September disbursement will be \$52,500.

Former Congressman Ralph D. Cole, of Ohio, announced he had declined the tender of the chairmanship of the National Speakers Bureau, offered by the Republican National Committee.

PLAN MIDKIFF TO BE COMMANDANT OF CADET CORPS

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and relate the military training with athletics so that the cadets would get work in each of these branches. There should be enough athletics to give each cadet the proper control of his body, and he should learn enough about sports, season by season, and enough of the military work to teach him proper discipline, respect for orders, promptness, precision and exactness.

"These are qualities which many parents in Hawaii understand that their sons lack and need. Parents have asked Punahou to supply that sort of training which they are unable to give in the homes, and Punahou is going to do it."

"The hard job will be to make out a proper schedule of time and distribute the work among the boys so that the military training and the physical culture may progress successfully, and so that the current sports, such as football, track athletics and baseball, may be kept up to the usual high Punahou standard."

Midkiff says he hopes to have some assistance in this work from Godfrey L. Bergman, the new head of the boarding department at Punahou, who was a classmate of Midkiff at Colgate university in 1912.

"He is a fine athlete and mixer with the boys," says Midkiff, "and should be a big help in keeping things moving fast."

Punahou will open for the fall term on September 11 and the work of organizing the cadet companies will begin as soon after that date as convenient to all concerned. Promotions will not be made for several weeks, as there will be considerable drill and other work before the officers are finally named.

The new officers will hold their commissions for the entire school year. The commissioned officers will be chosen from the senior class, sergeants from the junior class and corporals from the sophomores. All freshmen boys will be privates.

LETTERS

REPLYING TO "FOLLOWER OF THE FLAG."

Troop C, 4th Cavalry,
Schofield Barracks, H. T.,
Aug. 22, 1916.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: In tonight's issue of the Star-Bulletin there appears a letter written by "Follower of the Flag" in which he expresses a decided grouch against the spirit of army officers as displayed toward enlisted men.

"This is the first time I have ever essayed the role of 'Pro Bono Publico,' and don't expect my letter to get further than the waste basket; but as an enlisted man I am going to write a protest to such letters as the one in question being allowed to go unchallenged."

"A peaceful nation makes but little history," and the contented element in the army is seldom heard from. There are two classes, however, who are constantly howling: There is the "guardhouse lawyer." He is "hard" when he first leaves the slums to follow the flag and is just going through the "softening" process, or else is on the winding road that leads to Alcatraz. His opinions have but little weight. His appearance is against him and he seldom comes in contact with people who are really worth while.

The class who do really injure the service are the letter writers. Chester shaves with a safety razor and smokes cork-tipped coffin nails. He has left the "dear old home" and enlisted with the ultimate aim of "going up" for a commission. He is a gentleman (for he says so), and is very sensitive. It hurts him to be treated as a subaltern by any one. I once heard a dozen of them rave long and loud over the fact that a certain public speaker had actually addressed his audience as "Ladies, Gentlemen and Soldiers of Schofield Barracks." They thought it had implied that they were not gentlemen. Wasn't it awful!

I shall not attempt to interpret just what "Follower of the Flag" means to imply when he cites for the reader a certain paragraph which has to do with an officer's conduct toward enlisted men, but I will say that army officers are gentlemen and treat enlisted men as most of us want to be treated.

Personally I feel that I have my dignity as an enlisted man to uphold and do not want officers to impose upon it. My experience leads me to the conclusion that officers who keep their distance recognize the fact that a hair divides the difference twixt the two and the officer who would attempt to be familiar with me I would judge to be a man whose actions savor of patronage. He is not honoring me a bit; but he thinks he is.

As to the order about vehicles keeping off the road in front of the 25th Infantry officers' quarters, it applies to civilians as well as to enlisted men and perhaps no one has any business on the road except the ones who live there.

But this is too trivial a subject to discuss. Dear "Followers of the Flag," we are not, as good soldiers, to discuss the merits of an order coming from our superior and then obey it willingly. The point is this: You've got to do it!

Yours sincerely,
A JOHN.

Frank Bishop, well known Wilton farmer, hanged himself in the barn of Mrs. Mary White, in Cannondale. Capt. Milton Casey retired, who was skipper of the first police boat commissioned in New York harbor, is dead.

OAHU AVIATION TO BE AIDED BY BIG KITE STATION

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was next sought and the wizard of the weather at once saw the value to science of such an observatory here, as the data now obtainable on the subject of the trade and anti-trade winds in the western tropics is confined to a few minor observations made by employees of the Dutch meteorological station at Batavia, Dutch East Indies.

It was pointed out by Meteorologist Hamrick of the local office, in an interview with a representative of the Star-Bulletin, that the establishment of an aerial research station here would be of immense value to the army, particularly if the proposed school of aviation becomes a reality.

The aviator would be able to have first-hand information as to the condition of the air at the various altitudes and thus be able to tell whether or not by going to certain heights he could reach the region of calm air. In other words, he could tell how high it would be necessary to go in order to escape any "air pockets" due to local atmospheric disturbances. In the same way data for use in plotting the flight of mortar shells would enable the gun commander to make hits instead of the mysterious misses now so often reported.

Apparatus Needed.

"The necessary apparatus would include ten or twelve of the large Hargrave-Marvin kites," said Mr. Hamrick, "and five or six miles of steel piano wire, as well as an electric reel and the necessary instruments for making the records." These great reels alone weigh nearly two tons. The box kites are of the type perfected by Prof. Marvin, who has taken an active interest in the bureau's kite work, and in order to get sufficient lifting power one kite is sent up as far as it will go—that is until it has lifted all the steel wire it can; then a second kite is attached and as it goes up it enables the first to go still higher, since the weight of the lower wire is carried by the lower kite. In this way eight or even ten kites are used to lift this long coil of wire.

Fort Kameameha has been selected as the most favorable of several sites considered for the proposed research station, owing to the facility of obtaining electrical power for the big electric reels and also on account of the importance of cooperation with the Coast Artillery and Aviation Corps of the army.

The far-reaching importance of the work of such an institution can hardly be realized by the layman unless he is familiar with the work that is done at these stations which the weather bureaus of this and other governments maintain.

For many years the government has operated local stations covering all parts of the country for the determination of local weather conditions. These include the temperature, air pressure, amount of rainfall, direction of wind, state of weather, current wind velocity and maximum and minimum temperatures since last observation. From a knowledge of these conditions at all parts of the country the bureau officials are able to predict with probable certainty the weather conditions that will follow at a given place.

But these observations as to temperature, air pressure and wind velocity apply to conditions at the earth's surface only, and as has been said these are sometimes vastly different from the conditions which exist at an elevation even of a few hundred feet. In order to determine the action of the air currents in these higher altitudes the scientist must send a kite or captive balloon into these lofty regions carrying some instrument for recording the conditions that exist there.

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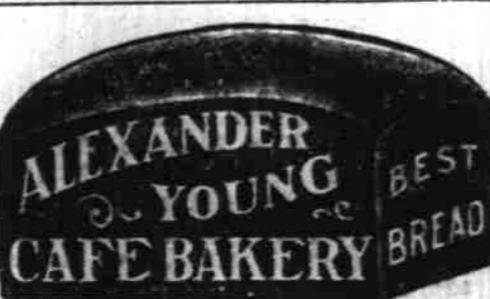
There is at present only one aerological research station in the United States, that at Drexel, Nebraska. This station was established in 1914 after the similar one at Mt. Weather in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, had been abandoned.

The cause for the change of location was the fact that the storm path in the United States is from the Northwest south through Idaho and Wyoming, then east over the central states, until the mountains of Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania are reached when the storm again turns north and sweeps over New England and on across the Atlantic.

Now one of the important functions of this station, and all other departments of the weather bureau, is not only to study the action of the storms, but to predict the time they will occur and so enable the farmer and fruit grower to prepare for them.

For this reason it was decided that it was necessary to get the data before the storm had swept over the country rather than afterward. So the completed Virginia station was abandoned and a new one established near Omaha, Nebraska.

While playing in the street at Hartford, May Sheffe, 5 years old, was struck by an automobile and instantly killed. The driver of the machine, Irving J. Avery of Hartford, was taken into custody because he did not carry his license. Eyewitness say the accident was unavoidable.



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